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## The Readers Always Write

### A REMINDER

Dear Editors:

I'm a new subscriber to your fine magazine and have nothing but praise for it. We were the proud owners of a white and tan cat and foster parents and home-finders for her kittens for many years, but when we recently moved we had to give our cats away since they are not allowed where we now live.

But, your magazine brings us closer to her and her family although we see them so seldom. Thank you for the favor you have unknowingly granted us.

Peggy Hughes

3236 January  
St. Louis, Mo.

### MORE ON THE STRAY PROBLEM

Dear Editors:

As one who knows from bitter experience the suffering of the surplus cat population, I was very happy to see the amount of space given to the problem of the stray cat in the February issue of CATS.

Miss Metcalf's editorial comment on the article by Irene Castle was an echo of my own thoughts on the subject. The curse of cats is their fertility and the stray cat population can be most humanely reduced by the sterilization of both male and female.

Owners of breeding Siamese and Persians need by no means feel complacent about the fate of these beautiful animals, as they, too, are abandoned with callousness when no longer convenient to own.

And the miserable existence of cellar cats in slum districts becomes a horror beyond words as tenements are torn down to make room for housing projects where no pets are allowed, and house cats are abandoned by ignorant callous owners to join the thousands of strays deprived even of the shelter of basements where they and the rats fight for the garbage of the tenants.

The suffering of stray cats and kittens is a never-ending heartache to all truly humane people, and it has been my prayer for many years that I will live to see the day when people must make an effort to get a cat instead of the present situation where there are a hundred pets available for every home open to one. I have been responsible for the sterilization of over a thousand cats, male and female, and this is my only consolation when I daily hear of pets desperately in need of homes through no fault of their own.

Competent veterinarians will co-operate on fees if approached through a Humane Society or humane worker, if the situation justifies a reduced fee, so the cost need not be prohibitive. I know this to be true, as veterinarians have given me co-operation for the fifteen years in which I have worked on sterilization.

Please send me four copies for enclosed dollar, as I would like very much to send copies of this issue to friends who do not subscribe because even the modest cost of a subscription must be devoted to feeding strays or rescued strays.

I often wonder how far God's trust in man was justified when He gave us dominion over animals.

Mrs. C. B. (Catharine) Hill  
140 Manhattan Ave.  
Crestwood, N. Y.

### SORRY, NO NOVICE, HE!

Dear Editors:

Your January 1954 issue carried the results of the Genesee Cat Fanciers Show. Much to my surprise on reading it, I discovered that in the Solid Color Show results, I was listed as Best Novice Opposite Sex. I have been called many things in my life, but this is the first time I have ever been labelled as a "Tom Cat." Moreover, having been married for years, I can hardly be classed as a Novice with the Opposite Sex. I was so glad that my cat was not Best Neuter in Show—I'd hate to be labelled with that!

The cat was Ni-Dral's Sun-Ray of Pentagon, a Cream male Novice, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Bayer.

How about giving the cat and myself a break, and making a correction indicating that it was the Cat, and not me?

Harold L. Bayer

3710 Wells Ave.  
Mt. Rainier, Md.

### SETS PRICE ON PUSS

Dear Editors:

I have always had a dog and thought they were "Tops" as pets. However, a few years ago my husband and I moved to a place that strictly prohibits them. While I bought a kitten because I love all animals, I must admit that it was strictly second choice; I knew nothing about them, and my husband not only claimed he hated cats, but warned me never to bring one home.

However . . . four short months ago Twinkle, just ten weeks old came into our lives, and now you never saw two people so completely owned by one little puss. Yes, I still love dogs, but as far as I'm concerned, there is no animal which can compare with a cat—I'll never be without one.

June (Mrs. Joel) Greenberg  
5 Peter Cooper Rd.  
New York 10, N. Y.

### NIX ON KINKS

Dear Editors:

Today with the huge classes of Siamese we have benched at our Shows, there must be a specimen with a *straight* tail who also carries the desirable features that constitute a good Show Cat. Can it be we have so few good Siamese



WITH WHICH IS COMBINED

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### COVER

Nikki Horner of Prospect, Kentucky, calls her girl on our cover this month "Mask", but in the show world where she's run up an outstanding reputation she goes by her official title of "Champion Shawnee Masquerade".

Last year, Masquerade was the leading Tortoiseshell show cat in the country, capturing the All-Southern and All-American titles. She's continued her winning ways this season, and although the scoring is not yet completed, she's sure to be at or near the very top.

Mask's Dam was Shawnee Apache Topaz, her sire Ch. Glad-Low's Red Coach of Shawnee.

we have to resort to a *kink* tail to take winning Championship points. Why must this anatomical defect be passed on generation after generation with little effort to curb its existence. It is a well known fact the kink is recessive and not dominant, and can be bred out with time, patience and intelligence.

Siamese with poor coloring, ticking in coat, dark hip patches, crossed eyes, short round heads, are faulted in the judging ring. We all know color changes often with the seasons and with age, but does the kink ever change! Breeders work diligently to produce a long wedge shape head, slant eyes with good color. hy by-pass the kink in the tail? Certainly a *good* Breeder works for all-over improvement, not a few certain qualities. Is not this the aim of the *creditable* Fancier?

With the many fine type Siamese being bred to-day, now just what logical reason can any breeder give in demanding the abolishment of the C.F.A. rule to withhold winners on cats with kink tails?

We should all constantly strive for all-over Breeding improvements.

Florence S. Kanoffe

Sherwood Cattery  
No. Bradford, Conn.





## FOR CATS ONLY!

Yes, there is at 2100 South Sepulveda in Los Angeles this utopian hospital for cats. Created and conducted by Dr. Norman Haidy, veterinarian physician, and designed with genuine understanding of cats, cat health, and cat psychology.

As do most cat owners sooner or later, Dr. Haidy early realized that the average hospital is not only planned for dogs, but is inadequate and not at all conducive to the proper care of cats. For example, cats almost always refuse to eat when they are frightened or when fed from dishes formerly used by dogs... they need sunlight, fresh air, and affectionate care from people who love them.

With this in mind, Dr. Haidy conceived his project of a hospital exclusively for cats—where environment and attitudes as well as medical treatment would work together to promote the health of the feline patients. How well and how practically his dream has come true, these pictures show. Let us hope that Bel-Wood is but the first of many such cat hospitals throughout America.

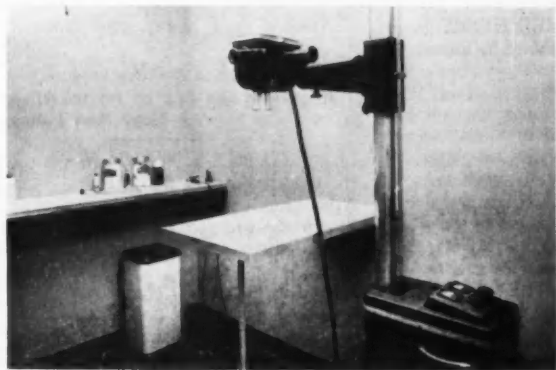


To make cats welcome and comfortable is the purpose of the reception room, a motif which is carried throughout the hospital and underlies its conception. Concealed microphones carry soothing music here, and to patients in all other rooms.

Photos:  
Interiors  
by  
Donn-Maur;  
Exterior  
by  
Hoover



Since his graduation from Michigan State College in 1943 Dr. Haidy has been engaged in small animal practice in the Midwest and the West Coast. This is he in the surgery room of his dream hospital.



The modern X-ray room, above, and the laboratory and pharmacy, below, are fitted with the newest and most complete aids for use of the Doctor and his assistant in treatment of cats of all kinds.



No confusion, no crowding, no barking dogs in this sparkling ward, typical of all four in the hospital. Cages are of ceramic tile with chrome doors and are cleaned and sterilized regularly from the live steam outlet on the right (Germicidal lamps are concealed in the wall.)

# FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

## TO A CAT

*You lie where it is warm and sleep  
Just as your kind have done for ages  
past.*

*The ever-changing tempo of man's life  
Leaves you unchanged, and at the last*

*I shall expect to see you then as now,  
With inborn senses first of you pos-  
sessed;*

*Man's warm companion, ever by his side,  
To comfort him in trouble or in rest.*

—Ray Winslett

## CAT CASUALTY

*Lost cat, you were so wise and yet  
you willed*

*To cross the highway in the face  
of fear.*

*That motor-man could well have been  
more skilled;*

*An inch aside would not have been  
too near.*

*But now you lie with blood upon  
your fur*

*Because you dared to reach the  
farther field.*

*Could it be worth your exploration  
there*

*To lose one life? How I shall miss  
your purr . . .*

—Priscilla Sanders

## CAT CHAOTIC

*They create havoc on every hand,  
And menace equanimity  
By whetting their claws on the table leg  
And eyeing the goldfish avidly.*

*They try to swing on my plastic drapes.  
They mangle the unread Morning News,  
Demolish a figurine, then hide  
In the closet among the overshoes.*

*In minutes these fiends achieve their  
goal;  
My neat, well-ordered rooms are wrecks.  
My patience pops and I vow to toss  
Them out at once on their furry necks.*

*Did I say out? They smirk and run;  
I strangle an oath as they disappear  
Under the bed. I would wheedle now,  
But they blandly pretend they do not  
hear.*

*A little later they come to purr  
Ingratiatingly at my feet.  
Their whiskers tickle across my shins.  
They look appealing and, oh, so sweet.*

*I turn a cold, unfriendly eye,  
With iron will and a mind intent—  
Then feebly sigh and stroke their heads,  
A victim of feline blandishment.*

—Lucile Klosowsky

Collected by ANNE METCALF  
Those who have taken cats as their  
friends, and tried to do them justice,  
will not listen to a word said against  
them, or allow that they are second to  
any creature in power of loving trust-  
fulness, in obedience, gentleness and  
self-denial.

—Words Without Wages, by Edith  
Carrington, quoted in *Alexander  
and Some Other Cats* by Sarah J.  
Eddy

## THE CONVALESCENT

Our Mitzi, a dearly beloved Persian cat,  
Is home again from the veterinarian's  
place,

And though she walks with slow and  
cautious pace,

It gives her greater dignity, and that  
Is one trait she takes pride in. Now, we  
pat

Her lightly—life her gently just in case  
She is not equal to our quick embrace—  
She lies content upon her soft, warm  
mat.

At times, the need of food tempts her  
to go

Within the kitchen's realm where she  
will find

Choice bits of heart or beef—small dish  
of cream—

Fresh catnip. She dines leisurely as  
though

For her all dainty morsels were de-  
signed . . .

Then she withdraws to her own world  
of dream.

—Margaret E. Bruner

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## TABBY LEAVES HOME

The springtime, for Tabby, is always so  
sweet,

The birdsong enchanting, as ever,  
With velvet green carpets beneath her  
swift feet,

Escape from the dog still as clever.

The call of the outdoors may tempt her  
to roam,

The lure of the catnip and clover  
But proud of her training she always  
comes home,

Purrs meekly and starts life all over.

—Josephine Stone Breeding

He extricates himself  
from the most difficult  
situations by a little  
pirouette . . . With an  
astonishing promptitude  
he chooses instantly be-  
tween two solutions of a  
problem, not merely that  
which is better from his  
point of view and in  
conformity with his in-  
terest, but also that  
which is elegant and  
gracious.

—M. Poincaré, quoted in  
"A Quartette of Cats"  
by Sisley Huddleston in  
the *Christian Science  
Monitor*

## CAT NAP

*Small-snugged cat with your muted  
purring,*

*Wide eyes mirror the fire's dull glow  
What do you dream of? Who can know?  
Statue still, not a whisker stirring . . .*

*Long deep nights when the jungle lis-  
tens,*

*Velvet-footed the night wind passes  
Stirs a sign through the scented grasses  
Secret dark where a green eye glistens.*

*The feet that run and the breath that  
falters,*

*The smell of fear in those dark-drown-  
ed spaces*

*Where the spirit travels forbidden places  
And shadows leap on the moon-drenched  
altars.*

*To heart's blood beating, the sonorous  
notes*

*Of drum throbs quicken, with darkness  
blending . . .*

*What age-old rites in your soul attend-  
ing,*

*Who curl here sleeping, relaxed, remote,  
Concerned with nothing before or after?*

*You are not mine, though I feed and  
tend you.*

*Inviolate ever—who dare befriend you,  
Whose heart is old as the earth's dark  
laughter!*

—D. Stoddard

## DREAMER'S REALITY

*My thoughts are pouncing white  
kittens*

*Nimble and sure, and soundly  
quick.*

*But the day is a candle, drowsily  
Reaching the end of its wick!*

—Mary Ann Putman

## GYPSY'S WARNING

He escorted across the street

A lady in fine attire;

But in the path of his careless feet

A mother-cat met his ire.

*Lady, heed me when I say*

*Wed him not or rue the day!*

—Bessie Pryor Palmer

## THAT CAT

By Jeane Taylor Doyle

A truce well-armed from claw to ferile eye  
A wary glance and moderate approach  
With tidy warning never to encroach  
Rends with quick rudeness any bonds which tie.  
My hand upon your rippling silken coat  
Betrays to you an unresponsive heart.  
Your daggered paw remands to paths apart,  
We disagree by cast of mutual vote.  
But guarded quietude could nicely reign  
If understanding went from me to you,  
If my possessions, noticeably few  
Could still be mine. What eminent domain  
Decrees your right to cold forbidding stare  
The while you stretch your length in my best chair?

Buffie is no ordinary pussy. This Persian, whose nine lives I've tried to protect for three years, has never lived according to cat books. Her most recent episode well illustrates her individuality. It also demonstrates her remarkable talent for emerging unscathed.

During a recent vacation trip, Buffie tried to become a hillbilly wildcat by losing herself in a desolate section of the Smoky Mountains. How she found and returned to me unharmed in less than two weeks is really a miracle, and a story to top all cat stories.

I was traveling with a friend (and Buffie) from my home in the midwest to Florida for a visit with relatives. I could make no other plans for Buffie, and knew from experience that she could adjust herself to almost any situation. But I had not reckoned with this particular situation. Buffie had never seen mountains, neither had she heard a rushing mountain stream. Added to this, she had never before worn a collar and leash. This was a supposed precaution against losing her, now proven a stupid blunder no cat lover from 'way back would make.

Soon after entering the great Smoky Mountain National Park, we stopped near the mountain stream for a short rest. When Buffie reached the end of her leash, she also reached the end of her rope. Clawing the air frantically, she succeeded in getting loose, disappearing into the mountains, and dragging her leash behind her. This particular mountainside seemed to rise almost perpendicular to the road. The last I saw of my pretty kitty was her tail disappearing up that sharp ascent. She may never have seen mountains, but she could certainly climb!

While my friend drove on to the next point of civilization for help, I spent several hours calling my lost pet. Of necessity, I stood at the edge of the road looking up through the dense brush, almost losing part of my anatomy as cars raced by. At intervals, I crossed the road and rested on the bank of the stream, contemplating the sign in front of me: "Don't Feed the Bears." When it became quite late and no sign of my puss was apparent, my attention concentrated more and more on this warning. However, about six at night, my friend returned, followed by a mountain ranger in his pickup truck. She had gone about fourteen miles ov-



## LOST: A KITTY Found: New Friends

by Ruth M. Taylor

er winding roads and hairpin turns to find the park headquarters. Referred to the nearest ranger, she at last located him and related our story.

Without hesitation, Ranger Stamey and I climbed almost to the ridge of the mountain, stopping at convenient intervals to call my wandering cat. We saw and heard no sign of her. True, I learned a little of the art of mountain climbing, but according to the ranger one ordinarily begins with the trails. I also learned that this was his first experience cat-hunting. We returned to the road after an hour of searching, the patient ranger seemingly as disappointed as I.

After a sleepless night at the nearest hotel ten miles from this desolate spot, we returned to continue the hunt at 5:00 A.M. the following morning, minus the ranger. We called, even putting the cat's dish at the side of the road to entice her to breakfast. After hours of fruitless waiting we concluded that she was hopelessly lost, perhaps even now caught by her leash and dead. We continued on our way through the vast mountain ranges, continually mindful of how lost a small kitty could be among those towering, densely wooded hills. The absence of cat conversation from the back seat seemed to penetrate our consciousness all day. As we left the mountains behind us later in the day, I looked back, thinking "if ever any cat could get out of there alive, Buffie surely could." I had not yet really given up the almost hopeless cause.

When we reached our hotel at Atlanta, my mind began clicking. I wrote letters to every source of help I thought possible. I wrote to the camp headquarters, to the scout director at a nearby camp, and to the hotel manager in the mountains where we had stayed the one night. I also wrote to the editor of the Knoxville, Tennessee *Journal*, telling the story and offering a \$50 reward.

Exactly one week later after losing my puss, I received a telephone call in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. It was a wire from my husband in Iowa. This read: "Mrs. Marie Lawson, Cleveland, Tennessee states she has Buffie. No proof given." I succeeded in reaching Mrs. Lawson the following day by long distance telephone. I learned from her description that she did, indeed, have Buffie. There was no doubt of the identification, and we quickly made arrangements for Buffie's shipment to my Florida location.

Four days after his call, Buffie arrived express collect. A little frightened she was none the worse for her experience. As beautiful and spoiled as ever,

Photos  
of  
Buffie  
by  
The Author



she seemed to have finally arrived at her destination. I was thankful I had not easily given her up.

Through a unique correspondence, I have been able to put the remaining pieces together. While awaiting Buffie's arrival in Florida, I received a note and news clipping from a friendly man in Orlando. He stated that he had seen my story on the front page of his hometown newspaper, and hoped that I had been successful in my results. He had also written the staff of the paper, many of whom he knew, to exert every effort in my behalf. I opened the paper, and there it was: "Cat Lost in Smokies, \$50 Offered For Return." The details which I had sent were included in this story of Buffie's disappearance.

In letters from Mrs. Lawson of Cleveland, Tennessee, I learned her story, told in typical mountain dialect . . . letters which I shall always prize. She had seen the news clipping the day before her family left for a weekend outing in the mountains. Briefly, she related: "We was driving up to the Smokies to camp when I saw hear eyes shining. At first I thought it was a bare and thin I saw it was the kitty. I got out and culed to hear. She went to mawin. I got hear some chicken and culed hear by hear name and she ran strat to me. I played with hear and then picked hear up and put hear in the car. She took up with my husbeen right away, shes the only cat he ever liked."

According to this friendly lady of the hills, Buffie went camping with the family until the next day when she returned home with them. The blonde, long-haired puss, according to her benefactor, was very tired and so "she took hear a good long rest." Each letter has assured me in conclusion: "She is sich a pretty kitty, we love hear very much. If'n she isn't yors, or you ever get tired of hear, plesse sind he back. Love from Buffies new frinds." I am convinced a second home awaits my cat in the Tennessee hills if ever she should return to Old Smoky.

Love of animals seems to foster quick and interesting friendships. Through Buffie, I have had considerable correspondence. I have addel several good friends to my list, people who have shown much sympathetic interest in my

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# SPRING CLEANING

## at the Cattery

by Ann C. Manley

We moved our cattery with us to Northern California in the late summer of 1951—or, rather, we moved the cats, carriers, pans, two show cages, show drapes and sundries, and the grooming equipment only. Ever since then we have been building—building cages, pens, more carriers and even a cattery room. In this room we have now, four large, built-in cages which connect with three outside pens, two smaller, portable maternity cages, and storage space for other equipment. This is sufficient for our needs for The Dark Gauntlets is truly a small cattery—we now have three studs, three adult queens (two bred—by the time this is printed the kits will just be underfoot), one young female as yet unbred, a male kit from the last litter not yet sold, and a neuter. All but the studs have the full run of the house. Of course. The Dark Gauntlets Annex—one pair owned and bred by Tanya Hokin, our partner—is many miles distant. It seems that we have hardly finished the building project only to find it is time to clean and redecorate!

The spring is a good time for painting and cleaning because the cattery will then be sparkling bright and relatively free of germs for the arrival of spring litters; and the show season, with its unfortunate epidemics, is well past.

We got out the maternity cages first. We like to paint them between litters of occupants. We used white lacquer on the first—white, the better to show the dirt, if you please—so we can remove it promptly. We then were sidetracked to the stud cages and gave each of them

several coats of the same lacquer. At this point, in the course of a casual chat, the veterinarian suggested latex-base paint, saying that his entire hospital, including the cages, had been painted with it two years ago. That building still looks fresh and bright, so off we went to invest in some "rubber" paint. One company has just come out with a gloss form, which we are trying, but there are several brands of latex-base flat paint. It goes on readily, helps fill in small cracks, washes from the brush with water, has only the slightest odor while drying, dries in a half hour, and is supposed to be more durable than any other paint. (We have just discovered that it will not go on over lacquer!) Lacquer takes an hour or so longer to dry, has a stronger odor, and may not be as durable for our purposes but both are better than the usual paints. (Only recently we heard of a cattery that lost two cats which were being boarded at the vets while the cattery was being painted.) Incidentally, we lacquered the stud cages one at a time—one coat each day, putting the occupant back in at night, and none of the cats were affected in any way by the fumes.

We are trying to tighten screws in hinges, check wire on cages and pens, take care of all those smaller maintenance jobs which have been left for "a more convenient time."

We also found that yard work was in order. It has been so warm and sunny here for several weeks that the grass in the pens demanded trimming and the honeysuckle needed some help in its climb up one side of the largest pen.

Do check your show cages, if you have any, whether you use them at home or not. A little specialized attention at the right time will prolong their usefulness and beauty and sidestep a stiffer task later. They rust or corrode if left unfinished—and ever collect a coating of grime—mostly oil from the cats' coats where they rub for attention—if they are used daily. We had to put ours into use during the early stages of building. At shows we have seen privately-owned show cages finished in gold or silver (aluminum, I suppose). We think the cats look so nice in our white cages that we may settle for white, but final decision as to color has yet to be made. Our show drapes are solid deep rose, and solid green, so they must be considered, too. The cages will require several days of work before they are ready for paint, I fear. Today I went at them with steel wool and a steel wire brush. The steel wool really does most of the job well, but the brush comes in

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handy at the joints of the vertical and horizontal wires.

If you use enamel dish pans as dirt trays, perhaps they could use some attention. We call them "dirt" trays or pans even though we use RICE HULLS! I know many people use one of the litters or sand or even peat moss in their catteries and homes, but we find the rice hulls clean, easy on the floors, easy to sweep up, inexpensive, and readily disposable. They can be purchased at most feed stores and make excellent garden mulch when the cats are through with them. To get back to the pans themselves—and everytime we see the little chips that do come with time, how we sigh for stainless steel—sweet dream! Try a little refrigerator enamel as soon as a chip appears—but better still, be gentle with the pans. Don't drop them on the floor or bang them together. An ounce of prevention, you know.

Actually, we try to avoid the spring cleaning in the cattery by keeping up with it all year. Another of our wonderfully helpful veterinarian friends mixed Pitman-Moore "V-Tergent" (heavenly smell) with a quarternary ammonium compound in equal proportions. We use one ounce of this mixture to a gallon of water to wash down the cages and mop the floor daily or as often as necessary—and also use it to wash out the toilet pans regularly. Cellulose sponges and vegetable brushes help with these tasks. The mix acts as disinfectant, deodorant and detergent and is much more effective than anything else we have used. As noted, the V-Tergent has the cleanest, freshest odor we have met, but this is only apparent while you work with it—in case you don't want a residual smell. The cats like it much better than Clorox, too!

We also tried clear lacquer for the carriers and are very satisfied. In one carrier, and in one of the maternity cages, we have laid asphalt tile with the edges curved up, to facilitate cleaning. These innovations are so new we can't report on the results as yet. Oh, yes, we lined the stud cages, originally, with linoleum, only to find, to our chagrin, that stud spray is a solvent for linoleum! Did I say that the latex paint was used for the second maternity cage with fine results and much less effort than previously? Of course, our home isn't permanent here, and we are still in the process of collecting ideas for the home (and Cattery) we yet hope to build. Consequently, it is nice to make the mistakes now, and to experiment with better and newer materials before we start the permanent building.

Well, I have offered you all our latest ideas; perhaps they will start you all thinking and you'll come up with some still better, possibly you have already worked out better methods. Either way, it is time for SPRING CLEANING.

*As you readers will gather, Mrs. Manley prepared this article during the 1953 spring cleaning season. It is being published now when of most timely interest.*

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# ALL ABOUT CLEMENTINE

by Muriel Martin Goodwin

A cat there was and black was she  
--as black as any cat could be-- Her  
coat was thick and soft and fine--  
Her mistress called her Clementine.

One summer night when Clem  
came back--from sniffing mice be-  
neath a stack--and at the door set  
up a din--nobody came to let her in.

"Ho! Hum!" yawned Clem phil-  
sophic'ly--"There might be crickets  
in that tree. I'll join a pal and though  
it's late, we surely will investigate."

The Siamese could not be found--  
The Manx was simply not around--  
In fact no feline friend at all--came  
scampering at Clemmie's call.

Now in the little house next door  
--lived Katy and her kittens four--  
but Kate and kits were shut inside  
--because their "folks" had gone to  
ride.

"Oh well," mused Clem "I'm not  
licked yet. Somebody near must have  
a pet with whom a lonesome puss  
might play, just while the family's  
away."

So off she started--all a-purr--a  
shadowy shape with ebony fur--till  
with delight across the street--she  
spied a kitten, small and sweet. ....

Before Clem made it half across--  
the kitten was a total loss--Into an  
alley, dark, it flew and promptly  
disappeared from view.

Just then a dog came down the  
street--yellow and gaunt with hairy  
feet--and straight for Clem he snar-  
ling came--but Clem knew how to  
scotch his game--one sock upon that  
fearsome snout--then up the steps  
and spin about--The mutt, his torn  
proboscis stinging--took out from  
there with howls a-ringing--while on  
her way Clem calmly went--upon  
her mission still intent.

Down by the wharf a Tom-cat,  
hoary--his tattered ears with battle,  
gory--gazed through his one re-  
maining eye--at anchors, rope and  
gear, piled high.

Of nourishment he'd had but little  
--though relishing most any victual  
--dirty-unkept--he was, for fair --  
and burrs were sticking in his hair.

Licking his thin and mangy tail--  
he mused of fish and garbage pail--  
There wasn't much for him to do--  
till Clementine popped into view.

"Wool Wool!" he chortled "Tush  
and pish. Now that's for me. Wow!  
What a dish. She doesn't look to be a  
prig. A slicker chick I've yet to dig."

Forth from his haunt he crept and  
then--he leered at unsuspecting Clem  
--and in voice as hursh as braid--he  
sang to her a serenade.

Clem took one look and froze in  
terror--"Oh no!" she gasped "there's  
been some error. This goon's a fugi-  
tive from the zoo. I know the big,  
bad wolf, I do."

Then, every hair erect with fright  
--Clem whirled and fled into the  
night--until she found herself once  
more--before her own familiar door.

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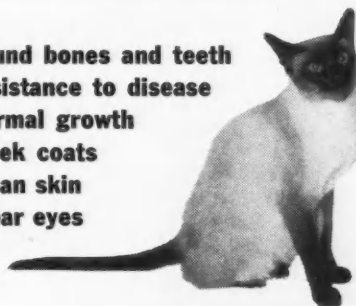
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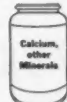
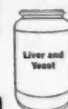
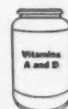
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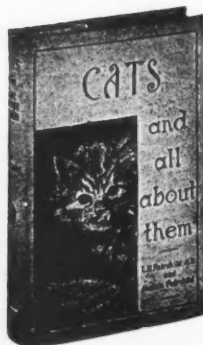
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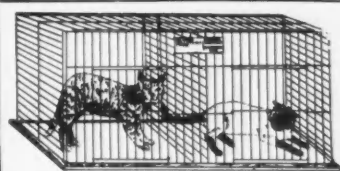
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## THE FLYING TOM CAT

by Caella MacLellan

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That is, he flew through the air all right, but it wasn't with the greatest of ease, and he didn't have a trapeze.

To begin at the beginning. It all started with the arrival of a pet in our home, a big Tom cat with velvety black fur, fronted by a spanking white vest, which he always kept proudly arched, double-toed paws, and sparkling eye—green as grass. Oh, yes, he was handsome as sin . . . and like the good little girl with the curl in the middle of her

forehead . . . when he was good he was very good, but when he was bad—he was just plain bad!

At the time we lived on a city street, within a block of the beach, and a gull (more venturesome than was good for him) used to fly up from his craggy home by the shore and forage for food in the gutters. After he'd had his fill, with a raucous shriek, he'd take off again for his seaside home.

I used to watch Tom from the window to see that he didn't molest the sparrows and pigeons that hopped about our yard. One day, when I glanced out, I saw that our cat had met up with the gull adventurer. It was better than T.V. to see Tom eyeing the big bird. He had a bewildered, questioning expression in his eyes. Finally, Tom made up his mind.

He crept cautiously nearer and nearer—then with a determined spring he landed on the gull's back. But, even the impact of his quick leap couldn't pinion the gull for more than a second. With an ear-splitting cry he spread wide his strong feathers, and cat and all went soaring upwards.

The upward surge had loosened Tom's hold on the gull's back, and by now, he had slipped back, and was clinging, for all he was worth, to the bird's tail feathers.

After a few seconds, he lost his grip and "thudded" to the ground, one disgruntled and bewildered cat. He finally got his second wind and slunk home, eyes wide with fright, ears flat to his head.

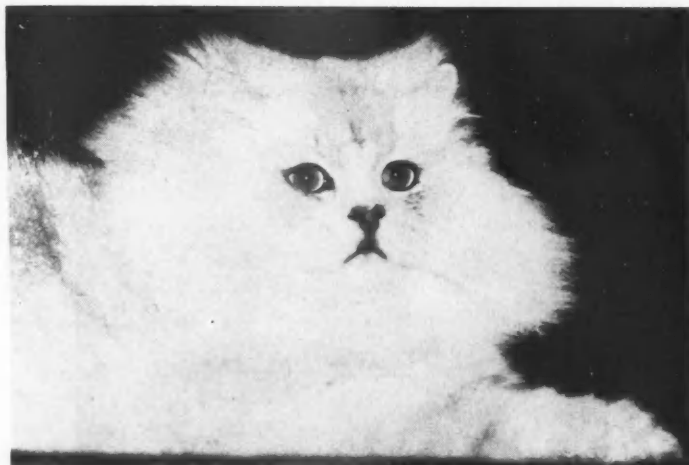
Did Tom learn his lesson? I wish I could say "Yes", but the big black cat still had a hunting eye for birds, in general. I will say that whenever he saw a gull—hovering near—he kept his civil distance. He knew that in meeting Mr. Gull he had met his "Waterloo."

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From a Letter to  
Ida M. Mellen

*In the Christmas mail I received a letter from Mrs. Dortha Flower, widow of the late Major Stanley Smyth Flower, who was one of England's great scientists in the field of biology, in which she describes a recent experience in war-torn London. It is heart-warming to know how kind the British are to cats:*

One wet evening I was walking along Aldersgate, a street with acres of ruins on both sides. It was quite deserted except for an elegant young man prowling about in the bracken and weeds that now grow in former basements.

I couldn't think what he was doing, so called to ask if he needed help. He said he was searching for a wounded cat he had seen lying in the road, which had jumped down when he had tried to pick it up. I went on, but about half an hour later when I came back he was still there—in the rain—with two policemen. This time I stopped and watched. The cat could not be seen, so I began to call "Pussy, pussy," and presently it showed itself and the men caught it and handed it up to me in the road. It was badly hurt and had probably been run over by a car.

The elegant young man said he was going to take it to the R.S.P.C.A. headquarters where a vet is always on duty, so I held the cat while he drove his car and we went off to Jermyn St. near Piccadilly. He offered to pay anything if the cat could be saved but it was past saving. He told me his wife had

a dinner party that evening and he would be very late for it, as finding the cat had delayed him nearly 1½ hours, but he couldn't have left the cat. I don't know who he was, but I felt proud of him and of our two policemen who had thought it their moral duty to help a wounded animal. It's these little incidents that cheer one when cries go up that things are all wrong.

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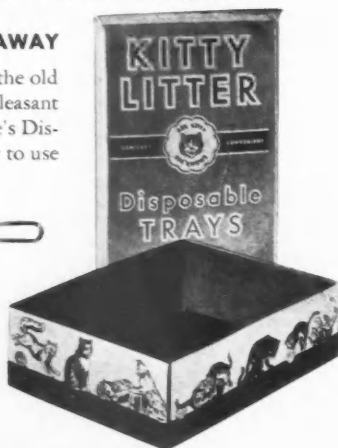
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What is the best information available concerning use of sunlamps on cats during the dark winter months?

—T.H.T., Bowling Green, Ohio

Sunlamps are not at all beneficial for cats, and prolonged treatment may be extremely injurious to the eyes. Vitamin supplementation with A and D will accomplish anything that sunlamps might be thought to do, and are much preferred.

While playing, my ten-month old Siamese male has sprained his legs easily several times and broken his hip in a short fall. Our vet says he does not have rickets. He cannot jump or leap like our female Siamese who is younger. Have you any suggestion as to cause and cure?

—Mrs. J.W.D., Olympia, Washington.

There is a hereditary trait in certain Siamese bloodlines where the pelvis is imperfectly formed—called coxal plana. The condition predisposes to weakness and sometimes lameness in the hind quarters, with some cases, however, responding to surgery. These same animals very often have extremely brittle bones. Parathyroid therapy is helpful in kittens, but is of little value in mature cats.

Recently I had to have my cat "put to sleep" because of a malignancy. Is cancer common in cats? Has any treatment ever been tried for cancer in cats?

—P.G.L., Danville, Pa.

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by Jessie E. Moore

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A suggestion for all Clubs—The ever efficient Secy. of Silvergate Cat Club, (ACA) Mrs. Dorothy Richard, sent notices after their show to all exhibitors giving the points awarded the winners ribbon in both All Breed and Specialty. This so helps the exhibitor in keeping track of their points earned toward Championship.

It saddens me to state I received a letter from Mrs. C. N. Powell, (Chatami Cattery) of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, stating Mrs. M. G. Stevens (Tang-Wong Cattery) was instantly killed January 15th while crossing the Seattle-Tacoma Highway on foot. Such a well-liked breeder of fine cats will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Powell writes, besides her fine Chatami smokes she now has a breeding pair of creams, daughter of Dbl. Gr. Ch. Hi-Hat Champaign and a young male son of Ch. Worsley's Gilhoolley.

On Jan. 23-24 the California Cat Club (CFA), of which Mrs. Bess Morse has been President for many, many years, held its 9th Championship show in the shiny, comparatively new Union Auditorium on No. Vine Street in Hollywood. Even though Mrs. Morse had lost her sister a few days before the show, whom she said was to have celebrated her 60th Wedding Anniversary, she went on with the task of show manager. The All Breed show room was beautifully decorated—no grooming was allowed in the show room, but a special, spacious room was provided for this purpose on the lower floor. Mrs. Frances Kosierowski judged the All Breed show, and it has been many a day since I have seen a Judge so unanimously liked. She completed her judging of the large entry by 7:30 P.M. Sunday night. The cats liked her and they knew she was NOT AFRAID of them. On completion of her judging she thanked the club for having her, and gave much due credit to her steward Norton Stauffer. Her remarks while judging were enjoyed, along with her sense of humor in so doing. I chuckled at one in particular, she had been extolling the beauty of Ch. June Rose Bear of Dunesk Imp., and then hung a 2nd ribbon on her cage, but immediately caught the error with the quip "That ought to wake up anyone who has been asleep."

While all her finals did go to long hairs, Best Cat going to Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Chinchilla male owned by Mrs. Helen Van Zele, two short hairs were up for finals. Her Best Siamese Ch. HRH Marin Princess Always, bred and owned by Mrs. Spencer Smiley, which Siamese Mrs. Kosierowski stated had lovely type, and was neither too thin or too fat—just right. Her best opp. Siamese, owned by Mrs. Charity Riggi, Hollywood Mainstay, bred by Mrs. Frances Bjerring, beautiful B. P. male novice (at least the Judge thought so) I am sorry to say died on Sunday, Jan. 31, after surgery to remove some foreign article he had eaten, the article being his sweater, which was part wool and cotton. The Veterinarian stated a sweater with part cotton contains aniline dye. My sympathy to the breeder and the owner, as fine fellows like he was don't come along, often.

The specialty shows—short hair judged by Roy Easterly—and Silver Specialty by Mrs. James R. Mood, unfortunately had to be held in such a small area, that it was difficult sometimes for the exhibitors to get by the Judges to put their cats in the judging cages, and because of this small area, what few seats were provided, were very close to the Judge. It is difficult to find a place large enough in Hollywood to bench a show of this size. There were so many fine cats and only wish there was more space to comment on them.

Jo Richardson (Majo Cattery) and I had a comfortable trip to the CFF San Jose show. We went up on the train in a bedroom, where the cats could be with us. The All Breed show was judged by Mrs. Josephine Hedrick of Andover, Ohio, who later was to stay in that vicinity to give some talks on genetics. The short Hair specialty was judged by Dr. Fern Smith. This is the first time I had seen Dr. Smith judge, and thoroughly enjoyed watching her and admired her composure at all times. Her finals all fell into their right place, with nice selections of different short haired breeds. She and her steward Edward Brehm worked well together, the cats responding to the serene atmosphere.

Mrs. Marie L. Rania, show manager, informed me she started this show on \$9.00, a lot of faith and hard work, and I was glad to see the gate receipts so good. As it was held in the Civic Auditorium, there was ample room for the exhibitors and also for spectators—seats available at all times. The St. Clair Hotel across the street allowed out of town exhibitors to stay there with their cats, and all we had to do was walk across the street—WHAT CONVENIENCE. Make San Jose a must on your schedule for next year.

Rita and Bob Wilson of Stockton were again exhibiting, after having missed the shows for a while, and should be justly proud of their Ri-Bo's Dhoe Gaegle, black male Manx, who was Dr. Smith's Best Novice. I did not get to meet or talk personally with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest of San Francisco, and no wonder with 18 cats entered—but they did receive Best Champion in the S. H. Specialty, and Best S. H. in the All Breed with their Abyssinian female, Ch. Bograe's Naith (sired by Ch. Casa Gatos Abou x Ch. Gatos Samia O'Bograe).

Out of towners seemed to walk away with many top honors—Mrs. Robert Hare's Ch. Charmente of Purr-Mew, Sh. Sil male, was Best Cat in the All Breed; La Vona Wright's Ch. Ta-Lee-Ho's Ena (it could be she is triple by now as she has done much winning this season) B. P. female was awarded Best Cat by Dr. Smith.

The Persian breeders well remember Dbl. Ch. Blulace Rosepointe of Leilani, blue persian female, owned by Susie Wildenhuis; unfortunately Rosepointe died while kitting; however, Rosie's daughter, Leilani's Lilliukalani, owned by Jack and Alethea Wedel is following in her famous mother's footsteps and was awarded Best Cat Opp. Sex in the A. B. show.

CFF and ACA always have in con-  
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## Quotes from the Shows

by Billie Bancroft

The Atlantic Cat Club Show, Piccadilly Hotel, New York City, January 8th, 9th, 1954. (Continued from February)

A lovely, lovely Show. I consider the judging excellent. I have met a lot of new breeders—hope to see them again soon. —Marcena Myers, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lighting very poor. Cages too small. The room could be larger.

—Franklyn Morton, 50 Rome St., Newark

I think that Mr. and Mrs. Bode deserve a vote of thanks for all the work and time they put into this Show.

—May Laine, Yonkers, New York

We need a larger Show Room, larger cages for better showing and the comfort of the cats. Also larger signs indicating the breed of cats. It would be better not to judge Long Hairs against Short Hairs.

—Lillian Bolt, 815 Greenwich Street, New York 14, N. Y.

Billie Bancroft's Personal Comments — The Show was well attended, considering the weather. Hotel Piccadilly was ideally located for a Show. The room was beautiful—deep carpets, the medium sized room was paneled in mirrors—almost completely—it is quite true we could have used a larger room—but my dear breeder have you ever staged a Show as good as this? The Show Manager, Mrs. Lois Bode really did a job—under difficulties. The Silver Specialty Judge, (Nora Andrews, President of CFF), according to the Silver breeders—was excellent. At the end of Show the Silver breeders still were happy—so Judge Nora must have been good. I was an Announcer at the All-Breed Bench part of the first day. Judge Conroy knew what she was doing. Some of her split-hair decisions were really remarkable. She seemed almost psychic. All through the day she was lamenting the fact that she could not give each cat a BLUE ribbon. A very lovely person is Judge Conroy. Only a short time out of the Novice class in judging—she has already made a mark for herself. Atlantic is one of the hardest of Clubs to judge—it is the mother club of all the other clubs in CFF. The complete official family of CFF were present. Judge Conroy is not a judge who needs instruction from another judge as to her decisions—many of those who watched her think that her own judgment regarding entries is authentic.

The Empire Cat Show, Hotel Belmont Plaza, New York, February 4-5, 1954.

I have been going to Shows for twenty two years—I've never—but never—encountered a Show like this—why it is stupendous—truly a Show manager's dream—the gate is unbelievable—both day too. I understand there is a contract with the management of Belmont Plaza for the next three years—what events to look forward to—and plan for!

—Mrs. Johnathan Cartwright, Detroit, Mich.

A very well organized show.

—Mrs. Harry Gaunt, Glenside, Penna.

I very much doubt if CFA will ever, at any time, put on another Show that is as satisfactory in every way as this one—Empire will do it again of course—but can there be found another team that have worked like this Empire bunch? I've attended most of the shows this year and last fall—nothing has been as good as this, nothing. I live in a hotel and I'm taking a Persian baby with me.

—Helen Greenleaf, Albany, New York

I'd like to know how a Siamese Judge can stay as popular and make such close decisions as Dr. Evans Sawyer? The best I could wish any Club in America is that they could have him just one time! (Yes, I'm a Siamese breeder—but I have no entries—I came to look—and to see).

—Agnes Porter Lynn, Memphis, Tennessee

The Show is most interesting—everyone who likes cats should see it.

—Miss A. E. Collins, Mahopac, New York

I am a guest at the Belmont Plaza—I'm taking home three Persians—I can't resist them. I wired my sister in Knoxville, she says pick up a white baby for her—next year I'll be right in the midst of this grand bunch of Show people.

—Arlene Thomas, Macon, Georgia

I do not like the All Breed Judge's split decisions. I've watched her at various shows—through the mid-west and south—type does not seem to rank too high with her.

—Janet Kingsley, Cincinnati, Ohio

I would like larger cages for adult cats and more than two grooming tables—otherwise I think the show is lovely.

—Mrs. E. A. Kunkel, Newark, N. J.

I consider Saxby-Mabie to be the best Judge in CFA—certainly she is the 'The Woman of the Year' in the Fancy. I'd rather win a second or third under Judge Mabie than a first under some of the other Judges in CFA. My entries came in too late. I do not know Judge Mabie personally but I'm going to Texas to show under her, believe me I am.

—Jane Middleton, Camden, New Jersey

The publicity of this Show is good, very good. The Show room is drafty, poorly arranged and small. Badly planned admission of cats at Vet's table—line formed from the wrong end—Bulletin Board could have been in a better location. I found everyone connected with the Show most courteous and doing their best to please each of us.

—Lydia M. Scott, Shokan, New York (Siamese breeder)

The very finest collection of Siamese I have ever seen at a Show. Not one below standard.

—M. E. Pinney, 22 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, New York

I am not a breeder but I do think this Show is very well run.

—Mrs. Earl Nelson, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Very good Show. Well arranged. Good publicity. I do mean good.

—Gladys Emerson Cook

Billie Bancroft's personal reaction:

This Empire Show is definitely the Show of the year—the only Show that comes near it this season is The Long Island Breeders, held on Long Island earlier in the season. This is a Show that had so much publicity the whole city of New York was informed. Newspapers, radio and TV. Mrs. Albert Alloy, the 'personality gal' of Empire was in publicity detail up to her ear rings—and what a grand job she really did. Anthony De Santis, Judge and breeder extraordinary was on hand with thirteen lings—among which was 'Taffy Apple'—a male Cream Champion. Anytime that Taffy Apple wants a new home I'll take out adoption papers. Miss Elsie G. Hydon, holding court at one end of the room on the last day of the Show. Rudolph was showing her beautiful blues, Mary Ohlin from 'White Gates' R. I., was present with her Wimauma Candice as well as her import, Wimauma Rosita of Allington—but no Ahoy—(were I Judge I'd make him a Grand Champion immediately). Ginger the Red Tabby of Mrs. Walter Scherrer, had a disdantful snarl for all competition—he hit the publicity pages more than any other one cat and so far as his home daily was concerned—he yowled right to the top-bracket top. (Newark Daily News—largest circulation in New Jersey). Agnes Rand had her lovely import, Astra's Morris Amanda entered. Micky Cornell has raised the purchase price of 'Inky'—I understand it is now twice what it was last season. That charming little English lady, Mrs. Mike Laine, was showing her two 'torties' in spite of a broken wrist—and right well she was doing too. Peggy Ball is certainly making a record for herself with her Burmese, Mrs. Matthew Troy, wife of the Empires' Veterinarian, exhibited an Abyssinian, Carvercat Century of Pel-an-hos, truly a sweet heart. Mrs. Bill Thompson gets prettier by the week—talking to Bill I asked what he had in the show—'Oh, nothing too good'—he said. I am a bit suspicious of Bill's understatements. I looked them up. 'Sea Puss Sparkle' and 'Sea Puss Sultan'—two kittens. I'm not a Siamese breeder but I'd risk the Thompson stock—any day.

John Machuga, the almost new Novice breeder had a Black female Novice, Chorna, a blue female Novice Ruling Ramay and Black Magic, all females, each a Novice—he probably wants to know which is best!!

Merald Hoag, from down Maryland way was showing—good heavens—seven. She was her usual attractive self—cardinal smock—making me think of the Baltimore origin, sitting around. I made a pix of one of her blues.

Francis Herms, the new president of Empire had her Grand Champion there as well as Hermescrout Tajette. Francie looked very sweet in a flower-sprigged dress. Helen Hildebrand did very well with her White Persian, Adonis, under the Solid Color Judge.

Donna Washel was exhibiting a boy of her

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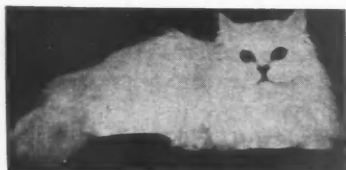
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## LOST KITTY (from page 7)

predicament and joy in the outcome. I sincerely hope I may be able to meet them personally one of these days.

The gentleman in Orlando has written several notes to express his and his wife's good wishes and their pleasure in the outcome of this cat story. One day, too, I received a long letter from a couple in Gatlinburg, Tennessee who had read of the loss and recovery of Buff. Enclosing a snapshot of their 13-year-old "Smoky," they described his habits and personality and discussed cat care and psychology at length. It was apparent to me that these folks loved all cats. Disinterested in the prospects of a reward, they too had searched for Buffie, and told many others the story in hopes the kitty could be found.

## MEWS AND VIEWS

(from page 16)

junction with their All Breed shows, LONG HAIRE specialities, giving the Long Haired breeders an equal break with the short haired breeders, and I hear from all sides a hue and cry—*WHY DOESN'T CFA* do likewise. It would of course mean consolidating the many small specialty clubs—I can't answer the question, but can only ask too *WHY DON'T THEY?*

Mrs. Kosierowski told me while here what a fine show the Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA) had at Des Moines. She felt most luxurious in her surroundings judging the specialties at this show—as the floors were carpeted from wall to wall. It was held in the Ball Room of the Hotel Fort Des Moines—and the exhibitors took great care to leave the room in as good condition as when the show started. Would that more shows could be held in such beautiful surroundings, and that more of our Western Hotels would give the Cat Shows a nod instead of a no.

I noticed at the last few shows I have attended the vetting is very strict, and cats with EAR MITES are turned down and not allowed in the show room. Hurray! I always hoped that day would come.

Magic Valley Cat Calls reached me just as I am ready to mail this—if you

## SHOW QUOTES (from page 17)

own breeding, Donna Arts Jazz Beau, a lovely black male.

Mrs. John Hunter, (Judge), after nine years of serving as president for Empire, stepped down in favor of a new president—Julia Hunter has built the membership of Empire year after year until now it ranks second to none. It was under protest from the members that she resign but all agreed she rated a rat from the responsibility as president.

Mrs. Jack Zimmerman, assistant to Dr. Troy and 'general errand girl' was at the beck and call of anyone who needed assistance. Her pithy quips over the loud speaker were a joy to hear.

Little Jane Stackhouse was present with her Counselor husband and her Siamese, Abyssinian and Burmese—one Aby name intrigued me — 'Chahm'. Counselor Stackhouse was quite in demand as an announcer.

No report on a CFA show would be complete without mention of Robert Bruce. Quiet, unassuming Robert Bruce is a worker, things go well if he is in charge.

My confidence in Buffie's strategy, too, was justified. I have been able to determine that she was found in almost the exact spot where she was lost a week earlier. I actually believe that she was never far away, and using a cat's native intelligence plus her own extraordinary perception, she stayed around waiting for my return. It is even quite possible that she found her dish left by the highway, which helped to reassure her. Until someone came along who could call her by name, apparently she resisted all friendships and "pickups."

Buffie may feel a little less secure now, but she doesn't show it. She may have left several of her nine lives back in the hills. She does make it clear, however, that she prefers living as an ordinary feline. The life of a mountain wildcat is not for her!

didn't receive one ask Joan Carter, Box 55, Pharr, Texas, to mail you one if she has any left. Much news, and one thing I noticed which should be of interest to all, and I quote: "Mrs. Louise Heron of Florida, who was judging the specialties for the Dixie Cat Club, took time out right in the middle of the show to tell me what to do for Charming White Cherub, who was in terrible condition from kidney trouble, which he had had for about six months. She sent me to get some pyridium pills and told me to give him two a day to start with, then reduce it to one a day. Also to feed him only chicken, or lean beef. I followed her directions, and now less than two months later, Cherub has TRIPLED his weight, and has never had a minute's trouble since. When I returned home another of my young males had developed the first signs of the same trouble, and I started on him right away. He has had no trouble since. When I returned home another of but he purrs and plays like a kitten again." I have been told the cats should be given distilled water at all times.

*Ada May Miles*

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# Show Reports

**DIXIE CAT CLUB** Second Annual CFA Championship Show, New Orleans, La., Dec. 5-6, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Southland April Madcap, Blue m., Mrs. Foster Prather. Best OS Cat—Milky Way Doll of Silver Moth, OE Wh f., Florence Kemmer. Reserve Best Cat—Ch. Windbank K-Det of Shy Pines, Blue m., Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. OS—Rosemont Golden Doll of Shy Pines, Cr. f., Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Longhills Tres Chic, Cr. f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best Nov.—Las Montanas Silver Thistle, Chin m., Mrs. Harry C. Garrison. OS—Great Lakes Bright Eyes, Blk f., W. W. Rabbitt. Best Kit—Silver Moth Colonel, Gr. m., Florence Kemmer. OS—Zu Zu, BP f., Mrs. Lionel F. Soigner. Best SH—Maua Loa, BP m., Mrs. L. Celeste. Best DSH—Griffin, Sil. Thy m., Mrs. Charles Wellington. Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best Manx—not given. Best Burmese—Chocolate Monday Lion of Re-Ru, m., Russell Middleton. Best RB—Re-Rue Volga, f., Russell Middleton. Judge—Mr. D. Deans Henderson. **SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Windbank K-Det of Shy Pines, Blue m., Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. Best OS Cat—Milky Way Doll of Silver Moth, OE Wh f., Florence Kemmer. Best OS Ch.—Bentvelt Rosemary of Flagstone (Imp), Blue f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best Nov.—Windbank Kolleen, OE Wh f., Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. OS—Casa-Del-Sol's Prince Satin, Blk m., Mrs. Clarence L. Day. Best Kit—Dixi-Land Sherri of Windbank, OE Wh f., Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. OS—Silver Moth Colonel, Cr. m., Florence Kemmer. Best SH—Dhu Leo's Show Snowflake (Imp), OE Wh m., Mrs. Louisa Dor. **TEXAS SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Mauna Loa, BP m., Mrs. L. Celeste. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ne-Ang, SP f., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Second Best Cat Best Ch.—Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m., Mrs. O'Donovan. Second Best OS Cat—Chirn Sa-hai Zohagah, SP f., Mrs. O'Donovan. Best Nov.—Bograe Rolla of Re-Ru, Aby f., Russell Middleton. OS—Tyoh Tee Too, Bwn Thy m., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoyt. Best Kit—Me o of Chirn Sa-hai, Aby f., Russell Middleton. Best SH—Hocotale, Red Lion of Re-Ru, m., Mr. Middleton. Best Mx—Ch. The farm's Tee Tan, Bwn Thy m., Mrs. Harold Tannenbaum. Best DSH—Griffin, Sil. Thy m., Mrs. Charles Wellington. Judge—Mrs. Heron. **CALIFORNIA SILVER FANCIERS SPECIALTY SHOW:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Las Montanas Walkie Talkie, Chin m., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Flagstones Play Girl, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Mueller. Best Nov.—Kitty Cove Dallas, Don, Chin m., Mrs. E. E. Spencer. OS—Charming Polly, Sil. Thy f., Sil. Thy f., Albert Carter. Best Kit—Flagstones Jody, Sh. Sil. m., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. OS—Flagstone's Judy, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Mueller. Judge—Mrs. Heron.

**GREATER ST. LOUIS CAT CLUB** Sixteenth CFA Championship Cat Show, at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 12-13, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat—Cherestfield Blaise, Blue f., Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Dixiland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m., Mrs. Paul Swan. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Shy's Castle Starrette, OE Wh f., Mrs. Willard Shy. Best Nov.—Beau-Jo of Bur-Mur Farm, Smk m., Mr. and Mrs. E. Finch. OS—Les Cygnes Cissie, OE wh f., Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Wee Sal, SP f., Mrs. Adolph Olson. Best SH—Wallman's Princess Tee Kee, SP f., Mrs. Leona Rystedt. OS—Ch. Vee Roi's Hershey, CP m., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best DSH—Teffie Lazel King, Bwn Thy m., Mrs. Effie McCafferty. OS—Vee Roi's Silver Jew, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best Mx—Ch. Ba-Lo's Queen Desira, BC, Mrs. R. W. Boehlow. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter. **CENTRAL STATES SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Kansas City Lil Em of Blue Acre, Blue f., Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best OS Cat—Shy's Castle Buzz, Cr. m., Mrs. Willard Shy. Best Ch.—Ch. Shy's Castle Starrette, OE Wh f., Mrs. Shy. OS—Ch. Wycliffe Chelsie of Nor-Mont, Blue m., Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Nov.—Les Cygnes Cissie, OE Wh f., Mrs. Paul Swan. OS—Shy's Castle Seoliza, Blue m., Mrs. Willard Shy. Best Kit—Nor-Mont Lucious, Blue f., Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS—Shawnee Copper Coachman, Red m., Nikki Horner. Best SH—Ch. Rosedere Dolly of Chesterfield, OE h Mx. f., Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. OS—(Imp.) Kernish of Ba-Lo, Blk m., Mrs. R. W. Boehlow. Best DSH—Rexall Blue of Kirkwood, Blue f., Mrs. O. J. Bressie. OS—Sundust's Captain Copper, Red m., Mrs. L. L. Lessard. Judge—Mrs. Horace Reed.

**HAWKEYE STATE** All Breed Championship Cat Show, at Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 9-10, 1954. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Nov.—Silver Moth MacBeth of Blue Acre, Blue m., Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best OS Cat—Best Ch.—Ch. West Allis Annette, Blue f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Dixiland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m., Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Gr. Ch.—Gr. Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of Concordia, Blk f., Mrs. John Porter. OS—Gr. Ch. Jubilee of Blueleaf of West Allis, Blue m., Mrs. Lester O'Neill. Best OS Nov.—Gaymoor Mithua, Blue f., Marie Stoddin. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Wee Sal, SP f., Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS—Wolfgang's Wotan, Smk m., Mrs. Robert Wolfgang. Best SP—Kitti Miyet, SP f., Mrs. Wesley Novak. OS—Ch. Briargate's Bueuos Dias, BP m., Mrs. Leone Rystedt. Best DSH—Ch. Samduri's Spice, RD Thy f., Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Mx—Ch. Rosedere Dolly of Chesterfield, Wh f., Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter. **CENTRAL STATES SOLID COLOR CLUB SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Gaymoor Blue Robin, Blue m., Marie Stoddin. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. West Allis Annette, Blue f., Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Nov.—Silver Moth Macbeth of Blue Acre, Blue m., Mrs. Wanda Scott. OS—Siesta Baby-Ola, Cr. f., Mrs. T. C. Trent. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Dixiland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m., Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Gr. Ch.—Gr. Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of Concordia, Blk f., Mrs. John Porter. OS—Gr. Ch. Jubilee of Blueleaf of West Allis, Blue m., Mrs. Lester O'Neill. Best Kit—K. Gale Knoll Mischu, Blue m., Mrs. H. D. Perine. OS—Nierette's Rebecca of Gaymoor, Blue f., Marie Stoddin. Best SH—Ch. Rosedere Dolly of Chesterfield, Wh Mx. f., Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Judge—Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. **MINNESOTA SIAMESE SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Best Nov.—Wolfgang's Herrchen Kitti, SP m., Mrs. Wesley Novak. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Wallman's Princess Tee Kee, SP f., Mrs. Leone Rystedt. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Blue Na-Ying, BP m., Mrs. L. L. Lessard. Best OS Nov.—Kansu's Daumiers of Mar Han, BP f., Mrs. Adolph Olson. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Wee Sal—SP f., Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS—Marhan Memento, SP m., Mrs. Hanson. Judge—Mrs. Kosierowski.

**MAGIC VALLEY CAT CLUB** Second Annual CFA Championship Show, at Pharr, Texas, Jan. 23-24, 1954. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Dixiland Banner of Windbank, BE wh m., Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, Cr. f., Mrs. J. Mueller. Reserve Best Cat—Ch. Windbank K-Det of Shy Pines, Blue m., Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. Best Nov.—Windbank Dux, OE Wh m., Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. OS—Mission City Valaska, SP f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Best Kit—Mitsouke, SP m., Robert Perry. OS—Flagstone's Cutest Ever, Cr. f., Mrs. H. J. Mueller. Best SH—

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Ch. Cuthpa Linapo, BP m., Mrs. J. E. Finley. OS—Mission City Valaska, SP f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Best DSH—Ramayana Brownie, Bwn Thy f., Mrs. J. D. Elliott. OS—Impy, Smk m., D. Lari Kendrick. Best Manx—Veg Veen (Imp.), Rd Thy m., Mrs. J. D. Elliott. Judge—Mrs. D. Carroll.

**OHIO STATE PERSIAN CLUB, INC.** 33rd Annual CFA Championship Cat Show, at Columbus, Ohio, January 16-17, 1954. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Ammon Ra's Taisho, SP Siamese f., Miss Lillian Magner. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Twinkling Star of Evergreen, BE Wh m., Mrs. Earl G. Fleming. Best Gr. Ch.—Gr. Ch. Silver Quest Fantasia, Sh. Sil. m., Kay Thoma. Best Nov.—Favor's Twilight Sky, Chin m., Mrs. Naomi Favors. OS—Shawnee Sarazan, SP f., Nikki Horner. Best Kit—Ammon Ra's Blue Starlike, BP m., Lillian Magner. OS—Rhythm of Evergreen, Blue f., Mrs. Earl G. Fleming. Best OS SH—Akanta's Mr. Buarternote, Manx m., Mr. John Farris and Hr. Neville Fincel. Best DSH—Ch. Silver Quest Vagabond King, OE Wh. Miss Kay Thoma. OS—Ch. Aztec's Tabitha, Sil. Thy f., Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Foulk. Best Neuter, Wil-Jene Snopy, Red m., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rickett. Best Spay, Ch. Duncanshire's Mitches Memory, Red f., Mrs. Willis Hostett. Best HHP—Measles, Tortoiseshell SH f., Miss Alicehele Stamm. Judge—Mrs. Frances Kosierowski.

**SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY SHOW:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Beetle Bear of Just-A-Mere, Blue m., Mrs. Elwood Werner. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. West Allis Annette, Blue f., Mrs. M. E. Hoag. Second Best Cat—Ch. Twinkling Star of Evergreen, BE Wh m., Mrs. Fleming. Best Novice—Nor-Mont Celeste, Blue f., Mrs. Hoag. OS—Longhill's Songster, Cr. m., Mrs. C. B. Weaver. Best Kit—Rhythm of Evergreen, Blue f., Mrs. Fleming. OS—Greeba Black Knight, Blk Mx m., Mrs. E. L. Schaus. Best SH—Akanta's Mr. Buarternote, Blk Mx m., Messrs Farris and Fincel. OS—Silver Quest Frost Queen, Odd Eye Wh f., Miss Kay Thoma. Best OS FSH—Ellen Vannin's Manah of Dwendie, Mrs. Everett L. Schaus. Best DSH—Ch. McKnight Tar Baby, Blk m., Mr. and Mrs. Perlie McKnight. Judge—Mrs. Horace Reed.

**QUEEN CITY CAT CLUB, INC.** 5th All Breed Championship ACA Cat Show, January 16-17, 1954, at Buffalo, N. Y. All Breed: Best Cat—Rollwood Ricardo, Sil. m., Mrs. Reid Copeland. Best OS Cat—Rosalee of Allington (Imp.), Blue f., Mr. and Mrs. J. Warwick. Best OS Ch.—Christine of Maple Leaf, Blue f., Mr. and Mrs. J. Warwick. Cousins, Best Ch.—Caper Cat Trinket of Selen, Aby f., Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler. OS—Ch. Rollwood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Sh. Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. Best Nov.—Buffalo Black Pansey, Blk f., Mrs. Helen Wheeler. OS—Simon Peter, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. G. Cousins. Best Kit—Calvert's Blue Cavalier, Blue m., Mrs. Marion Galmbacher. OS—Su-Ryan Ma Hone Line of Dalai, Burmese f., Virginia Daly. Best Shalimar of Caper Cat, Trinket of Selen, Aby f., Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler. Best OS Sh—Dalai Jakki, SP m., Virginia Daly. Best DSH—Chatauga's Question Mark, Sil. Thy m., Mrs. Oliver Johnson. OS—Vanan's Melody, Blue f., Mr. and Mrs. Frank White. Judge—Mrs. Ella Conroy. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Blue Gable's Cornflake of Rob-Mar, Cr. f., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. OS—Lowood's Mi-Beaudier, Sil. m., Mrs. Alfred W. Smith. Best Ch.—Ch. Beverly Serrano Saga O'Donasty, Sil. m., Linda Close. Best Gr. Ch.—Christopher Robin of Maple Leaf, Blue m., Mr. and Mrs. G. Cousins. Best Nov.—Cuddles, Blue m., Hazel Hill. OS—Blue Gable's Freckle Face, Tortie, Mrs. Dorothy Redmann. Best Kit—Calvert's Blue Cavalier, Blue m., Mrs. Marion Galmbacher. Judge—Mrs. F. Groell. **SIAMESE SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Astra's Morris Amanda (Imp), SP f., Mrs. Agnes Rand. OS—Dalai Jakki, SP m., Virginia Daly. Best Nov.—Nanny's Chan Kai Chek, SP m., Mrs. T. Wolfe. OS—Carnation Blue, BP f., Mrs. J. H. Laurie. Best Kit—Aurela's Tak, SP m., Mrs. Aurelie Wacker. Judge—Mrs. T. McNaughton.

**SPRINGFIELD CAT FANCIERS CLUB** 28th Annual Cat Show (CFF), held at Springfield, Mass., Nov. 20-21, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat—Northledge Adagio of Blue-Frost, Blue m., Mrs. Eunice Thomson. OS—Kute Kit Bright Eyes 2nd, Sh Sil. F., Mrs. H. Earl Nack. Best Ch.—Ch. Glad Low's Victory of Mol-Vron, Tortie, Mrs. Molly I. Brennan. Best Nov.—Elmrose Mickey, Red Thy m., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Castleman. OS—Appie, BE Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. Mordarsky. Best Siamese—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Mecht. OS—Cymri of Chan-ee, SP m., Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. Best Burmese—Dobyn's Boki-Tyke, f., Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Aby—Caper Cat Simbu of Hollycat, m., Mrs. Howard G. Stockhouse. Best DSH—Ch. Aztec's Belinda, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Frank W. Freudenthal. Judge—Mrs. Silas Andrews. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. OS—Cymri Chan-ee, SP m., Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. Best Ch.—Ch. Lord Essex of Sherwood, BP m., Florence S. Kanoff. OS—Ch. Tri-Mountain Susie 2nd, Blue f., DSH, Miss Irma A. Rich. Best Novice—Dobyn's Boki-Tyke, BP f., Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Kit—Sherwood Merry Blue Man, BP m., Florence Sherwood Kanoff. Best Burmese—Dobyn's Boki-Tyke, Best Aby—Caper Cat Simbu of Hollycat, m., Mrs. Howard Stockhouse. Best DSH—Ch. Tri-Mountain Susie 2nd, Judge—Doris Hobbs. **TABBY & TORTIE SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Kitty Purr's Red Robin, Red Thy m., Mrs. Harry Gaunt. Best OS Cat and Best Ch.—Ch. Glad Low's Victory of Mol-Vron, Tortie, Molly Brennan. Best Nov.—Northledge Checkers, Blue Cream, Alice W. North. OS—Elmrose Mickey, Red Thy m., Mr. and Mrs. Castleman. Best Kit—Elmrose Red Rascal, Red Thy m., Mrs. John Luddy. OS—Elmrose Rosalinda, Red Thy f., Mrs. Luddy. Best SH—Benmost Bore's Sheila, Mrs. Frank Freudenthal. Best Gr. Ch.—Gr. Ch. Aztec's Belinda, Sil. Thy DSH, Mrs. Freudenthal. Judge—Doris Hobbs.

**THE LONG ISLAND CAT BREEDERS CLUB** Eighth Annual Championship CFF Cat Show, at Garden City Long Island, N. Y., Nov. 10-11, 1953. **ALL-BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Moonbeam of Gaylands (Imp.), Bluf m., Miss V. E. Clum. Best OS Cat—Kute Kite Bright Eyes II, Sh Sil f., Mrs. H. E. Nack. Best OS Ch.—Dble Ch. Meadowsweet Flicka of Abbas, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Florence Hamilton. Best Nov.—Kute Kit Dainty Miss, Sil f., Mrs. H. E. Nack. OS—Pomonoek's Rascal Pei King, SP m., Mrs. Julia Kohus. Best Kit—Moon-maker of Gaylands, Blue m., Miss V. E. Clum. OS—Tony's Me-Me, SP f., Mrs. Paul Maranzano. Best FSH—Pomonoek's Rascal Pei King, Mrs. Kohus. OS—Gr. & Tpl. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, BP f., Mrs. Alice S. Dugan. Best DSH—Ginger Rd Thy m., Mrs. W. G. Scherrer. Best Aby—Su-Ryan Ali Babba, Mrs. Maxine Ryan. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Vanya of Darshan, f., Mrs. Paul W. Levy. Judge—Mr. H. B. Zieses. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Novice—Pomonoek's Rascal Pei King, SP m., Mrs. Julia Khlus. Best OS Cat—Ellen Vannin's Cornelia Miamax, Black Mx. f., Mrs. M. Newton. Best Ch.—Best DSH—Ginger, Rd Thy m., Mrs. Scherrer. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Ellen Vannin's Tortie (Imp), Tortie Mx., Mrs. Betty Youngman. Best OS Nov.—Alray's Mischief Maker, BP f., Mrs. Allyn Walrath. Best Kit—Slink-ksee, SP m., Mrs. Elizabeth Koolman. OS—Su-Ryan Burma Demi-Tasse, Burmese f., Mrs. Maxine Ryan. Best Aby—Nigella Nischa (Imp), Mrs. Matthew Tray. Best Burmese—Regal's Tarshan of Darshan, m., Mrs. Paul W. Levy. Judge—Mrs. Doris O'Connell.



Kiva, Sil Thy. f., Mrs. Ada May Miles. Judge—Miss Kay Thomas.  
**CALIFORNIA SLID COLOR FANCIERS:** Best Cat, Best Ch., Ch. Ch.  
 California Prince, Blue f., Mrs. L. Lindsey. Best OS—Ch. Ch.  
 Best OS—Ch. Ch., Leilani's Petitepoint, Blue f., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston.  
 Best Novice—The Pines Vex Purr, Blue f., Mrs. Jean W. Crouch  
 and Mrs. Lois E. Chandiand; OS—Far Cry's Porgy, Blk. m., Mr. and  
 Mrs. Charles E. Gillies. Best Kit—Lynwood Chu Chu, Blue m., Mrs.  
 F. L. Lindsey; OS—Crestrose Sunrose of Azulita, Blue f., Mrs. Walker  
 K. Johnston. Best Sh., Best M., Ch., Storm Cloud of Ontario, Blue  
 f., Mrs. Virginia Swann. Best DSH—Best DSH—Mrs. J. W. Smith  
 of Senzo Oaks, Blk f. Sweet. Best OS—Kobous Blue Old Oaks  
 OE Wh m., Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Graham; OS—Billig's Bon Bon of  
 Old Oaks, OS Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. Graham. Judge—Miss Thomas.  
**SHORT HAIR SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** Best Cat,  
 Best Siamese—Ta-Lee Ho's Ena, BP f., Mrs. L. Vona M. Wright.  
 Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Jaibo, Abby m., Dr. Fern Smith, Best  
 Ch. Ch. E. Rorier, Abby m., Mrs. Vona M. Wright. Best DSH—  
 Nv—Ch. Carlos Verde Daystar, GP f. Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Calver.  
 OS—Casa Gatos Moyee, Burmese m., Blanche Warren. Best Kit—Ta-Lee  
 Ho's Bara of Kiva, Abby f., Mrs. Ada May Miles; OS—San Lins Choc  
 lat Petite Tha Mau, CP m., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams. Best DSH—  
 Lamar's Tabitha, Bwn Thy m., Mrs. R. McDonald; OS—Far Cry's  
 Josephine, BC, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gillies. Best Abby—Ta-Lee Ho's  
 Se Queen, f., Mrs. Elsie L. Quinn. Best Russian Blue—Lamar's  
 of IRL, f., Mrs. J. H. Marin. f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Judge—Mrs. L. Darre  
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## The Back Fence . . .

"New York, New York, it's a wonderful town!" and with the rousing reception given the Empire Cat Show this past month, we know cat lovers all over the United States will agree with Leonard Bernstein's ringing proclamation from "On The Town." For the first time in history there, people were actually turned away from a Show, so popular was it. A feat that will, we're sure, give a glow to cat lovers everywhere.

The cover of the Empire catalogue and the inside, were beautifully presented. A long list of "Purrtsies" thanked, with dignity, we thought, the many advertising firms and manufacturers who in the past year have used cats favorably in messages to the public. Cat lovers have already gloated in secret over many of the ads or photos mentioned. Let's hope each year will continue to see improvement in the estimation of cats by the general public. The top "Purrtsy", by the way, went to pioneers in this field, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, whose beautiful 21st cat calendar is pictured on page 14.

New York, not to be outdone by London, recently added the first authentic Siamese to the present stage company of "The King and I". He is Somawadi (Sam), a cat. John Van Druten, director of the musical, introduced a Siamese kitten first in the London production. The innovation pleased British audiences so much that Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd asked Mr. Van Druten to repeat it here. Sam appears briefly in the presentation scene, in which the children of the King of Siam (Yul Brynner) are introduced to Anna Leonowens (Constance Carpenter), the English school teacher who is to tutor them.

Just as we think we're entering the second Age of the Cat, we come across such atrocity items as these which follow. Alice Manchester, of the famed Greenwich Village Humane League, was called at headquarters by a woman who said a gang of teen-age boys were roaming the neighborhood looking for cats which they then stabbed with switch knives. Miss Manchester investigated, finding within a short time, nine dead cats, all of which had been viciously stabbed. At latest reports, police were investigating the case. In Pewee Valley, near Louisville, Ky., a 6-year-old frequent mischief maker took a can of lighter fluid, poured its contents over a cat's hind quarters and set the cat on fire. The cat screamed in agony, went howling across the square. Several townspeople followed, but couldn't find the cat. Two days later, Howard Orr, owner of the Children's Toy Shop in Pewee Valley, saw the cat dragging itself painfully across the square. He took the cat home, then consulted a physician, Dr. Burl H. Mack. "He had horrible third degree burns all over his hind quarters," Orr said, "and Dr. Mack and Mrs. Orr and I decided he should be put out of his misery." Not Orr's daughters, Stephanie 5½, and Nancy 4, however. They insisted they would nurse the cat back to health, and with Dr. Mack's help, that's what they did. We glimpsed a picture of the cat, up and around, and eating again, although obviously still suffering somewhat from his burns. We do hope the Orrs and the Doctor were able to find a grand home for a cat which should have nothing now but the very best, after such a terrifying first introduction to the human race. The Orrs, with two cats already, three daughters, two dogs, and two chickens, did not see quite how they could handle a cat which should probably be the only treasured pet in some quiet household, therefore, they awaited just the right sort of new home.

Meanwhile in Buffalo, N. Y., \$100 is being offered to anyone who knows the identity of the person who tied a pretty black and white cat into a grain bag and threw it over a Chicago St. viaduct. The S. P. C. A. literally let the cat out of the bag when workers at the W. H. Case Company, 2992 Chicago St., reported hearing its forlorn cries. They had heard it crying all morning, but couldn't locate it 'til later. "The only way she managed to stay alive", said S. P. C. A. agent Ray White after the cat was found in a crevice between the viaduct and a building, "was by breathing through a tiny rip in one corner of the grain bag." Let's be thankful the two victims of such outrageous cruelties as we've discussed, were able to survive so that kinder human beings can give them now a second start. Let's not forget though, that such things are done, in this supposedly advanced year of 1954.

In somewhat of a lighter vein, J. B. Jewell, of Cocanut Grove, Fla., and New York, appeared in a New Braunfels, Texas court to accuse Lt. John Farrar of catnapping. Mr. Powell and his daughter had journeyed to Texas, bringing their three cats. Staying at Lt. Farrar's house to discuss wedding plans. When the romance cooled, Mr. Powell and his

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daughter moved out, taking the cats, but the cats stubbornly went back to Lt. Farrar, who then refused to return them. Mr. Powell claimed they were being held "for ransom, the ransom being the renewal of my daughter's affection and her promise to marry him."

Two people who had already taken the leap, decided to call it a day. Mrs. Joseph Gazik was granted a divorce in the Hartford, Conn. Superior Court when she claimed her husband's devotion to his twenty cats had resulted in alienation of her affections.

A 71-year-old Lawrence, Mass. woman was kept warm by seven cats and a dog, while zero temperatures registered outside. Summoned by neighbors who had not seen Mrs. Nina Sweeney for several days, two policemen entering her home found her with one cat on either side of her head, one around her throat like a neckpiece, one under each arm close to her body, and two across her chest. The dog's head was across her stomach. Mrs. Sweeney was removed to Burke Memorial Hospital, suffering from a bad cold and arthritis.

Sincerity pays off, as Jane Freeman, 21, of 48 No. Worth Ave., Elgin, Ill., receives a \$2000 trust fund set up by Mrs. Lena Ruth Rankin. The fund was to go to whoever offered her pet Black Persian, Tommy, a good home. Lyle Herrick, Mrs. Rankin's lawyer, selected Miss Freeman from several who applied. Miss Freeman asked for Tommy *before* the will was read.

A grand idea for next Christmas, or even as a way of saying thank you for a warm Spring which will be in full bloom about a month from now, might be to donate in a loved cat's memory, a salmon or special fish dinner to all the strays at your local S. P. C. A. or shelter. This thought inspired by a picture of Richard C. Pollard, of 112 East Norwood Ave., Richmond, Va., who sent a substantial check and a box of canned salmon to the Richmond S. P. C. A. for the Christmas dinner of all strays there. This was given in memory of his "Eenio", who died under the wheels of a car. One of Mr. Pollard's present cats, Ferdinand, helped supervise distribution.

Returning honor for honor, Dresden China, a Siamese owned by the Clarkes, 1747 N. E. Multnomah St., Portland, Oreg. brought unharmed to their feet "Chiefy", pet parakeet of retired fire marshall Fred W. Roberts, 2407 N. E. Everett St. Seems when Marshall Roberts stepped outside to visit his daughter-in-law next door, "Chiefy", frightened by the slamming door, took off. Roberts placed an ad in the classified of the Oregonian, and two days later, Dresden China finally got around to reading it, for shortly after that, she deposited "Chiefy" unhurt at the feet of the Clarkes. The Clarkes say this is not unusual, that they have turned loose many little birds China has brought to them unharmed. A photo showing the returned "Chiefy" perched on Marshall Robert's shoulder indicates at least one party was feeling better than ever after the experience.

Footsy, cat of Mrs. Josephine O'Connor, 211-07A Hillside Ave., Queens Village, was born with only two legs. A box and half a skate attached to the tiny stubs enable her to get to navigate, while she waits for attention from Mrs. O'Connor's niece, Carol Frances.

Three interesting Puss and Boots awards to report—the first to Olive, who adopted seven valuable mink kittens, four of them orphaned, three born to an already overburdened mink mama. Olive had just lost her own litter but raised the mink successfully. The second award to Florene's Little Lulu, Black Persian owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Brooks, 6706 26th Ave., Kenosha, Wisc. Lulu was chosen for her excellent portrayal of and cooperative disposition in the role of Pyewacket, (Bell, Book & Candle), given by the Kenosha Little Theater in February, 1953. The third award to another great-hearted mama, Zizi, who answered an ad in the Benton-Harbor, Mich. News-Palladium for help with some two-weeks old orphaned kittens. Zizi raised the kittens well, although already quite busy with two of her own.

From Hollywood (where else in the world) comes word of a census taker who kept trying to push a blank through a mail slot, only to have it flipped back at him. Seems a Siamese cat was inside, pushing the paper back. Commenting on this, the San Diego, Calif. Tribune says, in effect, how like a cat, and adds: "The last thing a cat would do is fill in a census form, and this one didn't even want such an impertinence in the house." Oh, to be a cat, and a Siamese with an Irish wit, at that, along about the fifteenth of this month. Well, Happy Saint Patrick's day, anyway, and don't forget, one thing good which comes with income tax time is the first day warm enough to remind you many such beautiful days lie just around the corner. How winter kittens will love that first balmy day, too. They seem to be able to sniff its fragrance even through closed windows.

—A. M.

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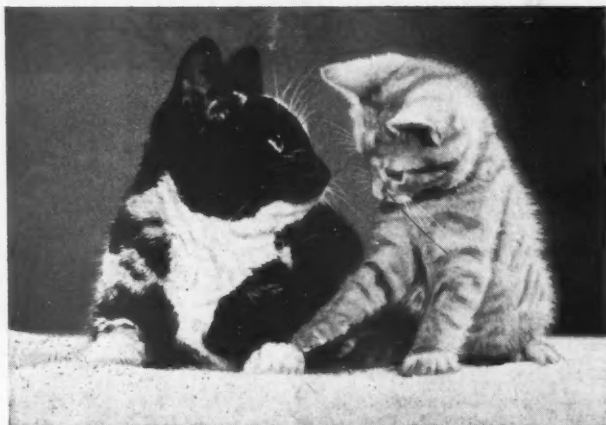
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